

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Summary of Office Action

In the Office Action, claims 55-64 were allowed by the Examiner and claims 2, 5, 42, 43, 46 and 47 were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 11-15, 41, 44, 45, 48, 49-52 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,267,767 (Farrow).

Remarks Regarding Amendments

In the Claims

Claims 2, 5, 42, and 43 have been re-written in independent form to be allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 9, 10, 37, 38, and 41 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 4 and 11 have been amended to depend from amended claims 2 and 5, respectively. Claims 44, 48, 50, and 52 have been amended to depend from claim 43.

Claims 65-70 are newly submitted herewith.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added to the application by this amendment.

Applicant submits that the five pending independent claims now recite subject-matter that was formerly deemed allowed or allowable by the Examiner. Applicant submits that the 35 pending dependent claims (including withdrawn claims 6-8) are each allowable in that they depend direct or indirectly from an allowable base claim.

In view of all the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims presently on file are patentable over the prior art. Applicant submits that this is a complete response to the outstanding Examiner's communication and that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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